

# NEWTON LEADS 2040

Transportation is fundamental to the quality of life in Newton. This Transportation Strategy embraces the gamut of multi-modal transportation choices - walking, biking, driving, and transit - now and in the future.

As a City, we make significant investments in the maintenance and efficacy of our transportation infrastructure in order to ensure the safety, health, and economic success of our citizens. This Strategy lays out a pathway for this investment. As with all issues my administration has addressed, we started this process with data collection to gain a clear, objective understanding of Newton's current transportation system. We then conducted robust community engagement to understand the concerns and aspirations of Newton residents. Simultaneously, we undertook a thorough review of best practices from other places around the region and the nation. Over the course of the past year, we synthesized all of this work into a set of concrete actions that Newton can take to make our transportation system safer and more efficient for everyone.

Last October, I released the annual Capital Improvement Plan, which included a number of the strategies and actions. My immediate priorities include an accelerated program to improve the quality of our roads, signalization upgrades to reduce traffic congestion, village center enhancements, new public-private shuttle service for Newton residents and businesses, bike share and bike facility improvements, and smart parking management. We are already implementing some of these strategies and we are about to embark upon others; all of them are actions we can take quickly to serve Newton.

I am pleased to be releasing the final strategy for Newton-in-Motion. This was a joint project of our Planning and Public Work Departments, with contributions from the Police, Newton Public Schools, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, and others. I am grateful for the thinking, participation, and advice of hundreds of Newton residents and businesses. This strategy is not an ending but is the beginning of an ongoing process of engagement, collaboration, and implementation as we work with the community and City Council to advance these improvements.

**- Mayor Setti D. Warren**

## TOP 5 PRIORITIES

### 1. Roads Program

*Goal: Improve road quality, driver experience, and safety*

- » Invest \$100 million over 10 years to improve pavement quality to an above average standard
- » Avoid pavement deterioration through preventative maintenance
- » Upgrade traffic signalization and coordination

### 2. Village Enhancements

*Goal: Enhance safety and visitor experience in business areas and village centers*

- » Undertake safety and streetscape beautification in Newton's village center districts:
  - » West Newton Square - project in detail design
  - » Walnut Street - project in concept design
  - » Washington Street - preparatory planning
  - » Newton Corner - preparatory planning

### 3. Bike Facilities

*Goal: Increase bicycling use and safety*

- » Launch bikeshare program within 18 months
- » Expand bike lane network
- » Install bike racks near transit hubs and village centers

### 4. Shared Transit

*Goal: Offer shuttle service to Newton residents and businesses*

- » Pilot at least one public-private partnership for a shared shuttle service in Newton within 18 months

### 5. Smart Parking Management

*Goal: Provide convenient available parking for Newton residents and businesses*

- » Pilot kiosks accepting multiple forms of payment in municipal parking lots
- » Initiate village center parking plan(s) for employees to free up front-door spaces for customers